GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Agreement with Bangladesh
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entered into any agreement with Bangladesh for transmission of electricity to Bangladesh along with the criteria laid down for investment to commission the work; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the power tariff fixed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Government of Bangladesh and the Government of India on 11th January, 2010 on cooperation in field of power sector including investments for mutual benefit. The MoU, inter-alia, enables joint cooperation for transmission of electricity. A 500 MW HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current) interconnection between India and Bangladesh has been commissioned in October, 2013 through 100 km long 400 kV transmission line between Baharampur (India) and Bheramara (Bangladesh) with HVDC back-to-back terminal at Bheramara to facilitate power exchange up to 500 MW between the two countries. The Indian portion of the transmission line has been constructed by Central Transmission Utility (CTU) i.e. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and the investment on transmission was made by them. The investment made by CTU is shared by transmission licensees as per the extant regulations of CERC (Central Electricity Regulatory Commission) regarding Point of Connection mechanism for transmission tariff. At present, Bangladesh is importing 500 MW power from India through the above transmission link. Tariff of power being supplied to Bangladesh varies from month to month and weighted average tariff of power being supplied to Bangladesh in the current year (April to September, 2015) is approximately Rs.3.69 per unit excluding transmission and grid operation related charges.

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